

## City Council Minutes

March 26, 2020

6:00 PM

**Prayer – Allen Lee**

**Pledge – All**

**Mayor Diaz called the meeting to order**, pointing out that it is physically closed to the public but open via Zoom Conferencing.

**Roll Call by City Secretary**, Joyce Raines: Mayor Diaz and Council Members JJ Rivas, Gregg Robinson, Allen Lee, Mario Gonzales are present along with City Manager Lon Squyres and City Attorney Jim DeFoyd.

**Mayor Diaz called for a motion related to the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.**

Motion - Robinson

Second – Rivas

Vote 5/0

### **Reports of Officers, Employees and Committees**

Kyle Reed – Public Works Director – Sewer Plant severely impacted by the recent closure of restaurants due to Covid 19. This is an issue of a lack of nutrients coming into the plant. New Bobcat arrived early. Also bragged on landscaping at Police Station.

Joe Ayala – Police Chief – Acknowledged donations by Crosby Cares for 2 car seats and food from local residents. Gave recent arrests numbers. Reports that the public compliance with recent restrictions is good.

Rebecca Mier – Fire Chief - Updated on Staff safety procedures and a slightly lower EMS call volume.

Ivan Rojas – Recreation Department Director – Tomorrow is Food Bank Day at 11:00 AM with new rules due to Covid 19.

Elizabeth Flores – Heritage Hall Director – Reported on HH activities including meal deliveries for congregate and homebound.

Lon Squyres – City Manager – Discussed Zoom meeting use. Many local businesses inquiring about potential closures. City Hall will remain open providing full services other than actual court sessions. Spoke about restaurant list on city website. Potential future Town Hall meeting to take questions related to Corona Virus. Library closed. Census very important to fill out by all.

Mayor Diaz – Spoke about the importance of filling out the census.

**Public Comments –**

Wayne Nichols – “Keep up the work”

**Unfinished Business -**

1. Council to select engineering firm to design phases 2, 3 & 4 of the North Side Water Mains Design Project.

Squyres reported that the selection committee of 5 people (3 JC & 2 County) recommends LJA Engineering.

Motion - Gonzales

Second – Robinson

Vote 5/0

**New Business -**

Opening of RFQ packages for RFQ for WWTP design. Two packages including bonds: KIT Engineering & LJA Engineering

Motion to Table – Lee

Second – Robinson

Vote 5/0

**Comments by Council Members**

Rivas – Follow CDC Guidelines

Robinson – Be safe, Wash Hands

Lee – Made comparison to hurricanes & floods and the city’s resilience.

Garcia – Suggested Census outreach

Gonzales – Don’t allow TV or other media to panic you.

Mayor Diaz spoke about need to stay home and be safe.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM